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Honorable Toby Roth
House of Representatives
2352 Rayburn Building
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Dear Congressman Roth:

This is in reply to your letter of January 25, 1993, in which you inquired on behalf of your constituent, Richard Connor, Jr., regarding the Notice of Proposed Rule Making (Notice) in PR Docket No. 92-235, 57 FR 54034 (1992). This Notice proposes comprehensive changes to the Commission's Rules governing the private land mobile radio services operating in the frequency bands below 512 MHz.

Those rules have been in place for over 20 years. While they have been amended on numerous occasions since that time, they nonetheless embody regulatory concepts based on yesteryear's technology and, unless changed, will stifle the growth and development of private land mobile radio technology and services, which are used primarily by local governments, public safety entities, and businesses to enhance their productivity. The Commission issued the Notice, therefore, to solicit comment from all interested persons on a wide variety of proposals designed to increase channel capacity, to promote more efficient use of these channels, and to simplify the rules governing use of these channels.

The proposals in the Notice reflect to a large extent concepts and proposals submitted in the initial inquiry stages of this proceeding. None of the proposals set forth in the Notice, however, are engraved in stone. Indeed, the proposals represent our best judgment at this stage of the proceeding on steps that must be taken to improve the regulatory climate for users of the private land mobile radio spectrum below 512 MHz. To this end, some of the critical issues that must be resolved relate to channel spacing, the amount of time provided to users to convert to new technical standards, how the 300 to 500 percent increase in channel capacity should be licensed, how the rules should be written to provide users technical flexibility, and whether the current nineteen radio services should be consolidated and, if so, how. I have enclosed for your information a copy of that part of the Notice that describes the numerous proposals.

We are, of course, sensitive to the concerns of users of private land mobile radio spectrum and the impact that these proposals may have on their radio systems, including the costs of required modifications.

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We will, therefore, take into careful consideration all their comments. Your constituent's concerns will be fully evaluated when we develop final rules in this proceeding. As indicated in the Notice, we remain convinced that without significant regulatory change in radio operations in the bands below 512 MHz, the quality of communications in the private land mobile radio services will continue to deteriorate to the point of endangering public safety and the national economy.

We want to thank you for your interest in this proceeding. Comments on the proposals set forth in the Notice are due February 26, 1993, and Reply Comments are due April 14, 1993. We expect final rules to be issued near the end of 1993. We urge your constituent to file formal comments on all aspects of the proposals.

Sincerely,



Ralph A. Holler
Chief, Private Radio Bureau

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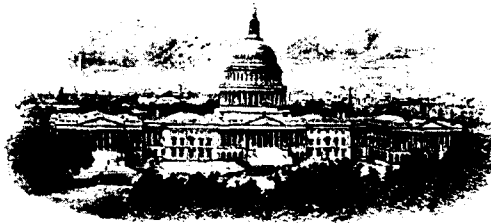
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January 25, 1993

Ms. Linda Townsend Solheim
Director, Legislative Affairs
Federal Communications Commission
1919 M Street, NW
Room 808
Washington, D.C. 20554

Dear Ms. Solheim:

Enclosed please find correspondence I have recently received from my constituent Richard Connor, Jr. of Long Lake, Wisconsin.

I would greatly appreciate it if you could respond to the concerns expressed. Please address your reply to the attention of Lisa Schwarz in my Washington office.

Thank you very much for your kind assistance.

Sincerely,

Toby Roth
Member of Congress

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THE HONORABLE TOBY ROTH
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WASHINGTON, D.C. 20515

DEAR TOBY,

BECAUSE OF THE DANGER INHERENT IN LOGGING ACTIVITY, THE FOREST PRODUCTS INDUSTRY HAS ALWAYS ENJOYED ACCESS TO A VERY GOOD RADIO COMMUNICATIONS FCC SYSTEM. THE FCC NOW INTENDS TO SCRAP THIS SYSTEM WITH FCC DOCKET #92-235. IF THIS IS ALLOWED TO HAPPEN IT WOULD RUIN OUR RADIO SYSTEM BY REDUCING THE RANGE OF OUR COMMUNICATION AND LESSENING THE RELIABILITY OF OUR RADIO THAT WE DEPEND ON FOR EMERGENCY COMMUNICATION REGARDING THE PROTECTION OF LIFE & PROPERTY. IT WILL ALSO COST US HARD EARNED DOLLARS TO MEET THE NEW TECHNICAL REQUIREMENTS.

IT IS IMPORTANT TO MANY OF US IN THE FOREST PRODUCTS INDUSTRY THAT THE FOREST PRODUCTS RADIO SYSTEM BE PROTECTED FROM THE FAR FLUNG IDEAS OF THE FCC. PLEASE HELP PROTECT US FROM THE EFFECTS OF FCC DOCKET 92-235.

SINCERELY,

Handwritten signature of Richard Connor, Jr.

RICHARD CONNOR, JR.